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Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Town Hall – Seney Room

- I. Roll Call: Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectman Steve Herbert.
Steve Benoit (Director, Emergency Management), Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools), Rick Benoit (Director, DPW)
Members of the public, WINY
Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

- II. Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2018 carried unanimously, with the following modifications: VI -\$5 should be refunded... VI. The \$6.50 was a *rough estimate*, VII- Fire Marshall Rick Hayes and, X -Based on *rough estimates by K. Beausoleil, not on official calculations by the Selectmen nor by the school district*, local comparisons...

III. Correspondence

- A. DESPP Report November 2018, Troop D
- B. Prescription Card Savings Report October 2018
- C. NECCOG Special Meeting Dec. 20, 2018 to review the letter sent regarding possible mishandling of the regional Animal Control facility.
- D. Captain Constantino Galasso letter requesting consideration as Deputy Fire Marshall
- E. New mail: the resume of the current Deputy Fire Marshall, Jamie Senay
Comment S. Herbert- the Fire Advisory Committee could be of assistance on the Fire Marshall matter. K. Beausoleil has spoken with one Chief and will speak with Advisory Committee Chair Kim Austin; planning for certification will be addressed.

- IV. Selectmen's Comments: S. Herbert-asks how it is determined what correspondence is to be listed on the BOS agenda. He notes that a memo was received from M A Chinatti.
K. Beausoleil- you are referring to a document that was determined to be a personnel matter regarding a possible candidate for employment and not distributed. All correspondence from Boards and Commissions, as well as from the public which constitute BOS-related matters, is listed.
K- Beausoleil: Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all
-The NECCOG meeting Dec 20 will handle information about the animal control situation
- DEEP has not yet unclogged the culvert under Ballard Road, but is working on another approach
-65 Main, the previous TEEG building: the town attorney is involved. Joe Lindley is working with the School Trust that might sell the property would set up an account, the proceeds from which would fund activities/events beneficial to our students, as was intended by Mrs. Tourtellotte.

- new energy-efficient shop lights have been obtained by the DPW and installed in the Highway Garage, facilitating the work done there; they will generate savings to the town
- LED streetlights have been 99% installed, again generating savings
- the new website goes live the first week of January, bringing several improvements to the townspeople
- the Building Committee has a bill for tank rental/filters, which will go to the BOF for utilization of the contingency fund as planned
- by the end of the month, the audit by Bloom and Shapiro will be ready

- V. Citizens' Comments: Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Rd- a decision by the ZBA did not go in her favor regarding the interpretation of the language in the zoning regulations, in her situation with college students renting an abutting residential structure. An appeal is to be filed immediately; that process is under review (to whom is it to be filed and how).
- VI. Director of Public Works – Recommendations: Director Rich Benoit submitted a thorough status report. S. Herbert- noted the completeness of the document and asked to set up a tour of the facility/facilities to be able to see in person the points raised. K. Beausoleil-yes, that will be helpful to understanding the matters discussed.
- VII. Bid Policies: current provisions were reviewed. S. Herbert- how frequently has a situation calling for a bid of over \$10,000 come up, over a period of a year? K. Beausoleil- about ½ dozen times. The policy should be updated due to inflation since it was created, and to the costs associated with the bidding process.
- VIII. Ordinance Discussion: current provisions of several Ordinances were reviewed. The costs of holding a referendum for a matter over \$50,000 have been estimated to be about \$5,000 (10%). The thinking of the BOF should be sought in these matters.
- IX. **Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to reappoint Jonathan Eddy to the Agriculture Commission through August 1, 2023 carried unanimously.**
-Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to appoint Kristen Orr as a full member (from alternate) to the Agriculture Commission through November 1, 2020 carried unanimously.
- X. Voting District Reevaluation/Update: n/a
- XI. School Security – Melinda Smith (Superintendent of Schools): campus security deficiencies are 3PM-10PM weekdays and weekends, due to Recreation and St Joseph's sports activities as well as those of the school district. Now with basketball season, coaches are having to make accommodations, given the escalated concern for public safety. With access by the general public this is recognized as a town responsibility. S. Benoit-the modern environment causes new concerns for security and new needs. K. Beausoleil- a committee should be formed to identify the specific needs (armed/unarmed, etc), gather information from a wide variety of sources and work with Emergency Management to

develop a specific plan. S. Herbert-the town would need to provide funding but the school system/ Superintendent's office would need to provide oversight of the security provisions and day-to-day management. It is with the full support of the BOS that we look to the town for funding for the provision of security on the school campus. Comment by Linda Jarmoliwicz, & Denis Drive- for the next budget discussions, the Resident State Trooper should be listed for discussion; this is who can supervise constables and monitor certifications.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to recommend to the BOF that up to \$49,000 be allocated to the BOE to provide school security carried unanimously.

XII. Other Business: none

XIII. Citizens' Comments: none

XIV. **Tax Refunds: Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to authorize tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.**

Akar Leasing \$377.96

David Miller \$98.24

XV. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to go into Executive Session at 8:06 PM carried unanimously**

A. CBU vs. Thompson

B. Union/CMERS Litigation

C. Director of Planning & Development

D. Recreation Director

Executive Session ended at 8:30 PM. No action was taken.

XVI. K. Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month's meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.